

WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street, Suite 303
Boonville, Indiana
March 31, 2014
10:00 A.M.

The Warrick County Commissioners met in regular session with Don Williams, President, Richard Reid, Vice President and Marlin Weisheit, Member.

President Don Williams called the meeting to order.

Auditor Secretary, Angie Leslie, recorded the minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Award Fuel Bid

Don Williams: Basically today we have two (2) issues we're going to look at. The first issue is this is the last day of our contract on our current fuel contracts and we want to look a vendor, we got some pretty good quotes in, everybody got those with them?

Rick Reid: Yes.

Don Williams: Bobby, you have any suggestions? I know you've had a chance to look over this and you're the primary user, you and the Sheriff, I know he's made his views pretty open.

Bobby Howard: I mean, in regards to unleaded gasoline Wabash Valley at two fifty three (\$2.53) firm price; I'm ecstatic at that number. In regards to the diesel fuel and looking at what we spent last year and what the different rates were, my thoughts were so we can keep with just a firm number Wabash Valley on the forty five (45) C-tang has the three point one one five five (\$3.1155) and three point one one nine (\$3.119) on on-road and off-road respectively and that together those two prices beat anything we paid last year on the flex plan, even the lowest on the flex plan that we locked in I think it ended up being three point zero nine five (\$3.095) for on-road but it was three point two four nine (\$3.249) for off-road I believe and then there was some months that we did pay a little less than three point two four (\$3.24) on off-road but it didn't...it never got down to three point one one nine (\$3.119). So I think for budgeting purposes as well as with the low cost, it would be beneficial to look at the firm price for Wabash Valley on the forty five (45) C-tang for diesel and then possibly...I don't know how this effects the contract but if we did want fifty (50) C-tang awarding the fifty (50) C-tang to Synenergy maybe during the winter months we could use the fifty (50) C-tang if we felt it was needed.

Don Williams: Okay, Joe, if we award the fifty (50) C-tang do we have to commit to any specific volume of fuel or can we just award a contract and purchase as we need it or...?

Joe Grassman: I was just looking at the fifty (50) C-tang, it says in the invitation to bid that we're bidding 'X' amount of gallons, no more or no less, or not necessarily those amounts so I suppose...I guess what you're saying, in other words if we use just a little bit of fifty (50) C-tang are we going to have to buy 'X' amount of gallons, that's a good question, um, I would say the way I've got the bid specs written I would say 'no' because...I'll tell you how I worded that...after I list under specifications the amount of gallons that we're bidding for the gas, on-road and off-road diesel, I said 'the usage/quantities listed above are only estimated amounts. Warrick County will not be held responsible or is under no obligation to purchase at a quoted price more or less of these quantities'. So, I think that kind of opens that up. Bobby, I had one question for you, those low prices you're quoting for the lowest price that you had from...does that include the tax?

Bobby Howard: No.

Joe Grassman: Okay, so you got to add nineteen (19)...

Bobby Howard: To the on-road.

Joe Grassman: Seventeen cents (\$0.17) to that one?

Bobby Howard: Yes.

Joe Grassman: And you did that?

Bobby Howard: To the on-road but see I just went ahead and compared the no-tax price that was bid to the no-tax price that we've been paying so I didn't have to worry about that.

Joe Grassman: Okay, that's my only question.

Don Williams: So you think its okay award that bid and not have to commit? That was my only concern.

Joe Grassman: I mean, we have these...

Don Williams: Cause we don't know for sure if we're going to need a fifty (50) or not.

Joe Grassman: Right. These...all of these vendors that we award these to will have to sign an Acceptance of Agreement and Terms form and that would...that says that they accept all of the terms and conditions presented in the invitation to quote so if they sign that then they're committed to that invitation to quote which says we're not committed to any particular quantity.

Don Williams: Okay, it spells it out. What's the will of the Board? Or are there any other questions?

Marlin Weisheit: I have none.

Don Williams: Do you have any questions?

Rick Reid: No, I'm real happy with that Wabash Valley.

Don Williams: Okay, I'll entertain a motion for our fuel contracts for the upcoming year, starting tomorrow.

Marlin Weisheit: I would make a motion that we enter into a contract with Wabash Valley and while we're making it can we suggest that we also bid...award the other fifty (50) C-tang to Synenergy? Can we do that in the same motion?

Don Williams: We can.

Marlin Weisheit: Okay, well, that would be my motion then that we award everything except for the fifty (50) to Wabash and then if we do need the fifty (50) lets go ahead and include Synenergy on that. Is that okay, Bobby?

Bobby Howard: Yes, is that the firm prices then or flex.

Don Williams: Yep, he said firm.

Rick Reid: Firm

Joe Grassman: You want to do Synenergy firm or flex.

Marlin Weisheit: What do you suggest? I mean...

Joe Grassman: I would suggest flex on them; it's up to Bobby but I...that'd give us some wiggle room as they say.

Marlin Weisheit: I don't think we'll need that much of it but in the winter I can see where we might.

Roger Emmons: Is that on-road or off-road diesel or both?

Bobby Howard: Both.

Don Williams: Both.

Roger Emmons: Okay.

Don Williams: Even though there is some not to use any on-road.

Marlin Weisheit: Is that okay with you, Rick? You understand what I'm saying?

Rick Reid: Yes, sure.

Marlin Weisheit: I'm trying to leave it open there for him to be able to...

Don Williams: Okay, is that a second, Commissioner Reid?

Rick Reid: Yes.

Don Williams: Okay, I have a motion and a second to select Wabash Valley Service Company for unleaded gas at two fifty three (2.53), the firm bid price. The on-road diesel, forty five (45) C-tang a firm bid of three eleven fifty five (3.1155) and the off-road diesel forty five (45) C-tang firm bid price of three point one one nine (\$3.119) and also award the on-road diesel for fifty (50) C-tang firm bid...was it firm or flex we all went?

Marlin Weisheit: Joe suggested flex didn't he?

Joe Grassman: Yeah, I don't know if you decided that's really up to you.

Marlin Weisheit: I'd leave that up to you guys on that.

Don Williams: Well, which way was the motion? I'm just trying to restate the motion.

Marlin Weisheit: I'd go with the flex on that.

Don Williams: Okay, so with awarding the fifty (50) C-tang diesel bids to Synenergy at a bid price flex at three point three three four four (\$3.3344) and three point two two seven zero (\$3.2270) for the off-road. All in favor say aye.

Marlin Weisheit: Aye.

Rick Reid: Aye.

Don Williams: Aye. Motion carries three (3), zero (0).

Joe Grassman: I had one other thing I'd like to present to the Board quickly. I'd like to ask for your authorization to contact Wabash Valley and see if they would be in favor of renewing this contract that we just awarded for gasoline at two dollars fifty three cents (\$2.53) a gallon for the 2015-2016 year. We are under Indiana Code 5-22-17-4 this contract can be renewed without any problems if they agree to do it.

Don Williams: Yeah, I'm fine with that.

Marlin Weisheit: I'm fine with locking it in as long as we can at that price.

Rick Reid: Can you back out of it if the prices drastically fall?

Don Williams: Probably not.

Joe Grassman: I would say they would have to agree to let us out of it and I don't know if they will.

Rick Reid: That's the only gamble you're taking if all of the sudden gas prices drop substantially.

Joe Grassman: Right, exactly, yeah, that's...

Rick Reid: Then we're going to be moaning and groaning at how high our gas prices are too.

Joe Grassman: Yeah, we're either going to be geniuses or idiots. (Laughter)

Rick Reid: That's right, yeah. That's exactly right. I feel we would be geniuses because I don't think prices are going come down but you never know.

Don Williams: Life is a gamble.

Joe Grassman: I'll go ahead and do that after...

Don Williams: Yeah, it'd be nice to know if they're willing to do it. Thank you.

Marlin Weisheit: They're working with us on this one here for one year little alone for three that's for sure.

Don Williams: Okay, we have one other item here this morning, maybe two, Dallas, do you want to come on up here, Mr. Scott, you have...I have just got this so I haven't really had to look over it all that much.

Dallas Scott: I had just done that this morning. I talked to Roger Friday. What we're asking, the state has allotted us twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00), a little over twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) Grant to update our mediation plan. That would probably be...the contractor would probably be the center from Purdue but that plan is quite extensive. It's a seventy five/twenty five (75/25) grant match so our portion would be four thousand one hundred sixty (\$4,160.00) but that would come on a soft match by the people that sit on that committee, their time and expenses would come off of that four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00). The last time we done that it didn't cost the county anything and I don't foresee it costing the county anything this time but something by the Feds it has to be updated every so often and there's just tons of data in there and the contractor does all of that research.

Don Williams: So we're looking roughly at a little over sixteen and a half (\$16,500.00)) our forty one sixty (\$4,160.00) added to the twelve forty eight (\$12,480.00) is the total amount?

Dallas Scott: Right.

Don Williams: Okay, there was a twelve four eighty (\$12,480.00), is their seventy five percent (75%).

Dallas Scott: Correct.

Don Williams: Okay, sounds like a plan.

Rick Reid: It says the letter is suppose to be back to them by February 28th, is that something...?

Dallas Scott: Well, my intention was to do it myself; I didn't see doing that and the state has put a whole lot of work on us between now and the end of May so...

Don Williams: There's no problem sending them out?

Dallas Scott: No, as a matter of fact...

Don Williams: How long before you can get this ready to go, Roger, on the County letter head?

Roger Emmons: I've got it.

Don Williams: Good to go.

Dallas Scott: He's fast.

Don Williams: So what we need is a motion to approve the Grant including the matching funds with authority for me to sign it. Do I have a motion?

Marlin Weisheit: I'll make a motion to approve.

Rick Reid: Second.

Don Williams: And me sign right?

Marlin Weisheit: Yes.

Don Williams: Motion and a second. All in favor say aye.

Marlin Weisheit: Aye.

Don Williams: Aye. Motion carries. Thank you. Does anyone else have anything for the Commissioners?

Dallas Scott: I've got one more thing.

Don Williams: You've got one more? We're not working off of an agenda today.

Dallas Scott: This is just for your information; I laid an email from Don West on the 800 MGH systems which the county has quite a bit of money invested in. Right now they have ran out of ID numbers for radios so the only way to offset that is to go to what they call P25 so the state has allotted like thirty four million dollars (\$34,000,000.00) to do that and this has been in the works for several years so what we have invested as far as repeaters and tower sites they will take care of, it's not going to cost us anything.

Don Williams: That's the reason we did it when we did it is I recall cause we knew this was coming down the line and in the long run would save us a ton of money.

Marlin Weisheit: We hoped it would come down the line anyhow didn't we?

Dallas Scott: So, the Motorola radios and the contract they've awarded Motorola, Motorola will upgrade those. The thing that we're going to look at expense with is on the EF Johnson Portable Radios and some mobiles unless they work out something with EF Johnson to where that can be fitted into this thirty four million (\$34,000,000.00) then it will be up to the entities that have these radios to pay to have them upgraded.

Don Williams: We went with the Johnson because we like that radio a little bit better as I recall.

Dallas Scott: And they were cheaper.

Don Williams: Yeah, but with the upgrade would they not replace the Johnson's with the Motorola's since they're going to replace the...?

Dallas Scott: Not at this time.

Don Williams: Not at this time, okay.

Dallas Scott: But they're trying to do that correct?

Sheriff Brett Kruse: Yeah, I talked to...he's on the...Board and when he left the meeting last week he called me and said that they're looking for money to do these upgrades on all of them. (He is away from the mic; he's hard to hear)

Don Williams: Good, when do you think we might know that Sheriff?

Sheriff Brett Kruse: It will be awhile; it's supposed to start Southeast Indiana this summer and could possibly get...

Don Williams: Please keep us informed. Appreciate it.

Dallas Scott: Between two hundred (200) and three hundred (300) EF Johnson radios in the county?

Don Williams: Anything else, Mr. Scott?

Dallas Scott: That will do it.

Don Williams: Anyone else have anything to come before the Board?

Marlin Weisheit: Thanks, Dallas.

Roger Emmons: Yes, Mr. President.

Don Williams: Yes, Mr. President?

Roger Emmons: Yes I do a couple of quick items, that's for your signature on that letter. I was notified this morning by the Auditor's Office regarding the Commissioners Sale of Tax Sale Certificates that parcel...I'm sorry, the sale ID #871300241 listed 'Kevin Davidson' as owner has been redeemed so that will be removed.

Don Williams: Good.

Roger Emmons: And the live auction is tomorrow morning at 10:00AM in the lower lobby of the Judicial Center and any properties unsold then will be offered online beginning 10:00AM April 4th and ending at 4:00PM on April the 14th. Also I'd let the Commissioners know regarding the fire incident we had at the Highway Department, Assistant Fire Chief Steven Byers came to my office and I did sign the Consent for Fire/Explosion Scene Examination, I think that's maybe complete, I don't know but I have turned it in or notified our insurance carrier, Keith Shelton, at First Advantage cause Bobby said they need...

Bobby Howard: Yeah, I met with Mr. Shelton today. He did ask that we go ahead and get a couple of, well, he said a quote would be fine on the repairs so I'll be getting with Joe for a list of contractors for that but he did authorize us to go ahead and get in the building and take care of what we needed to. But he estimated roughly ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) worth of damage himself I think.

Roger Emmons: We have a five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) deductible so we know we're responsible for the first five (\$5,000.00). That's all I have, Mr. President, thank you.

Don Williams: Okay, before we close, what's our savings on our gas this year, Joe, did you figure out what the total savings is going to be at this two fifty three (\$2.53)?

Joe Grassman: You mean total savings...

Don Williams: Per gallon, is it three zero one (\$3.01) with the nineteen cent (\$0.19) tax? There's nineteen cents (\$.19) tax on the gas, right? Why are we paying the state taxes?

Joe Grassman: its nineteen cents (\$0.19) on gasoline, it's...

Don Williams: So it'd make that two seventy two (\$2.72)? Then we're presently at three zero one (\$3.01)?

Joe Grassman: Oh, yes, we're presently at...

Bobby Howard: That would be two eighty two (\$2.82).

Joe Grassman: Three zero one (\$3.01).

Sheriff Kruse: That's without tax.

Don Williams: No, that's with the tax.

Joe Grassman: That's with the tax.

Sheriff Kruse: Three zero one (\$3.01) is with tax?

Joe Grassman: Yes.

Don Williams: Yeah, we got it at like two eighty two (\$2.82) last year.

Joe Grassman: Yeah, we...the bid was two dollars eighty two cents (\$2.82) a gallon and you add your nineteen cents (\$0.19) and it gets us to the three zero one (\$3.01) total cost per gallon.

Don Williams: So we're saving about thirty cents (\$0.30) per gallon.

Marlin Weisheit: Yeah, twenty nine cents (\$0.29).

Don Williams: Yeah, which means every ten thousand (10,000) gallons we'll have twenty nine hundred dollars (\$2,900.00), that's to help the budget there Sheriff, that'll be good, alright, thanks.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Commissioner Williams: Anybody else have anything? If not I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Reid: Motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Weisheit: Second.

Commissioner Williams: Motion and a second. We are adjourned.

DON WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT

RICHARD A. REID, VICE PRESIDENT

MARLIN WEISHEIT, MEMBER

ATTEST:

L.B. DUGAN, AUDITOR
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